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OPERATION S.T.A.N.D. DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Alvin Grant, age 25, of North Charleston, South Carolina, was sentenced today in federal court in Charleston for distribution of cocaine base. Chief United States District Judge David C. Norton sentenced Grant to 12 years imprisonment, followed by 6 years of supervised release.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that on September 13 and October 1, 2010, the North Charleston Police Department Narcotics Unit made an undercover purchases of crack cocaine from Grant. Grant's prior record includes multiple drug and weapons convictions, as well as a conviction for assault and battery with intent to kill.

The undercover purchases were part of Operation S.T.A.N.D., a joint initiative

between the North Charleston Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, and the Charleston County Solicitor's Office.

Mr. Nettles stated that the case was investigated by agents of the North Charleston Police Department and the D.E.A. Assistant United States Attorney Nick Bianchi of the Charleston office handled the case.

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